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LET'S ALL GO—1961 BOY SCOUT GANG SHOW

'61 Roundup in Action

The 1961 Space Roundup Program is officially in action, announced Sidney Wanzer, III, Scout Commissioner. Units are in the process of making their commitments on the number of boys they will recruit between now and the first of the year.

As new boys are recruited, additional enrollment blanks are turned into the Council Service Center and the Unit Leader automatically receives a Scout Booster Badge to be presented to the boys who recruit other boys into the Scout program.

Reunion Nights

All Packs, Troops and Explorer Units are in the process of setting up their Reunion Nights at which time they invite all new boys and their parents to a watermelon feed or wiener roast, games and a night of fun.

Scout Uniform Day on October 2nd included assembly programs, exhibits in class-rooms and hallways. The climax to Scout Uniform Day will be when each Scout invites his buddy to visit his Scout Meeting, providing an opportunity to open the doors and hearts of people throughout Chicago so that thousands of more boys can join in Scouting.

Pepsi-Cola Sponsors Scouts to London Trip

Through the courtesy of Pepsi-Cola General Bottlers, Inc., a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer from the Chicago Council will have the thrill of a lifetime from November 23rd to December 3rd when they will receive free trips to England to see the London Gang Show and live in the homes of English Scouts.

Basis For Selection

The winning individuals will be picked from among the top Gang Show coupon-selling Units on the basis of the following: Gang Show coupon sales record, school academic record, past Scouting advancement record, participation in community service projects and participation in the total Unit program.

Units wishing to participate in the competition must file a special London Trip entry blank at the Council Service Center.

READY TO ROLL



(Chicago Sun-Times Photo)

Ralph Reader (left), famed London, England showman and Scouter goes through a rehearsal with Scouts Bill Cooper, Geoffrey Merton and Russell Fawkes. The Scouts are in their "Soldiers on Parade" costumes for what promises to be one of the outstanding numbers in the four year history of Gang Shows in the Chicago Council. Reader is director and producer of the show which opens October 12th at Morton Auditorium, 2400 South Austin, at 8 P.M.

Important Announcement

Scout Coupon Salesmen can get up-to-date information on Gang Show ticket availability daily from October 4th to 16th by tuning in Eddie Hubbard on Radio Station WGN (720 kc.) between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m.

Commenting on the contribution of his company, Pepsi-Cola president E. E. Beisel said, "Pepsi-Cola General Bottlers recognizes the vital job of character-building and citizenship-training that is being done by the Chicago Council of Boy Scouts. We are pleased to assist in the promotion of the principles of free enterprise and good salesmanship."

Will Be Best Show Yet

The curtains will open at 8 P.M., Thursday, October 12th on the fourth annual Chicago Council Boy Scout Gang Show, a great 2½ hour musical-comedy production staged by over 125 Chicago Council Scouts, and those who have been close to the production of this year's show say it will far outshine the previous great shows. The opening performance has been designated the Grand Premiere Performance and will be attended by many name personalities from the midwest.

Thousands of Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are selling exchange coupons throughout the Chicago area at a record pace, and several performances are almost sold out as we go to press.

Exchange Coupons Now

B. W. Dusek, chairman of the show urged all coupon holders to exchange them for reserved seat tickets promptly to avoid disappointment. One dollar tickets are already gone. Coupons may be exchanged for reserved seats at the Council Service Center, 9 West Washington Street.

Record Unit Commissions

With over 80% of the tickets already gone and hundreds of coupons pouring in daily, it is expected that record commissions will be paid to Units for coupon sales. Ted Taylor, chairman of the Attendance Committee, reminded all Units that Tuesday, October 10th is the date by which coupon sales money must be turned in to receive the special 5% bonus. In addition, a 20% commission will be paid on all money settlements made by Tuesday, October 31st. Each Scout who sells ten coupons or more will be given an attractive Gang Show embroidered emblem.

Must File London Trip Entry Blanks

Those Units desiring to enter the competition for the all-expense 10 day trip to London for top coupon salesmen must file an entry blank by October 14th at the Scout Service Center, Taylor emphasized. Only Units which have filed this special entry blank will be considered for the London Trip competition.

The coupon sales effort is being backed by an intensive campaign of publicity in newspapers, radio, television, billboards and with posters. Additional posters and bumper strips are available at the Scout Service Center.



Along the Scouting Trail

By ALDEN G. BARBER

Harry Ploughman, District Commissioner of the Thunderbird District received this note from his former Scoutmaster the other day and has consented to share it with us. Scoutmaster Bergsjo is calling a reunion of the members of Troop 111 and with the invitation is this poignant recollection of happy Scouting days. We are proud to publish it in tribute to all Scout leaders.

I REMEMBER

by Dr. Martin T. Bergsjo

I remember Scouting—Thirty years ago. I remember small boys with ill-fitting uniforms and well fitting smiles. I remember squareknots and bowlines, boxed compasses and Scout laws. I remember Green Bar Patrol leaders who too, were green. I remember them learning that leading a patrol meant more than giving orders. I remember day hikes, week-end hikes and two week camps. I remember burned fingers and smoke-filled eyes, and good food sacrificed on the altar of second class cooking. I remember half raw kabob and doughy bread curled lumpily upon a twisted stick. I remember Hunter's Stew conjured up in a water bucket and cold canned beans when all else failed. I remember unditched tents and midnight thunderstorms. I remember rocks under my back and mosquitoes on my nose. I remember welcome sunrises and glorious sunsets. I remember glowing campfires and hearty off-key singing. I remember Courts of Honor, with proud boys and prouder parents. I remember Star Scouts, Life Scouts, and glorious Eagles. Yes, I remember many things, but most of all I remember the boys, the happy, care-free, wide-eyes, inquisitive boys, learning to be the men God, Our Country, and Scouting could be proud of.

COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTE

Chicago Council Scout Units have contributed a total of \$1,260.90 to the Commemorative Tribute to be built in Washington, D.C. as a memorial to Scouts everywhere, according to the latest report.

1961 Canoe Regatta

The 24th annual Chicagoland Canoe Regatta will be held at the Lincoln Park Boat Club, Webster Avenue at the lagoon in Lincoln Park, on Saturday and Sunday, October 14th and 15th. All Scouts and Explorers between the ages of 14 and 17 may enter the regatta provided that they can swim at least 50 yards. Events include one and two man single blade and hand paddle canoe races, gunwale jumping and two man canoe rescues.

Entry blanks and further information may be obtained at the Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2500 Dempster Street, Des Plaines, Illinois, VAnderbilt 7-2156.

Arboretum Offers Cub Program Help

The Morton Arboretum recently announced its 1961 Fall Program. A five-week course to be held in the Thornhill Building for Den-Mothers and their Cub Scouts is offered emphasizing nature electives including trees, flowers and animals. The classes will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays beginning September 30, through October 28. Registration fee is \$2.50 a person. Advance registration is essential in all classes offered. Places in each group will be assigned in order in which registrations are received. For information or registering write to: Registrar, Thornhill Building, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois, or phone WO 8-0074, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Staff Changes

Among recently announced staff changes is the appointment of Bruce Peterson, former project worker, as District Executive of Fort Dearborn District. Melvin Bates, former University of Illinois football great, has been appointed Fort Dearborn project director. Wilbur Johnson becomes the new Calumet District Executive succeeding Don Rylander who was appointed Asst. Director of Camping earlier this summer.

Three New Executives

Three new members of the staff are attending Schiff Scout Reservation in New Jersey, The National Training School for Scout Executives. They are James Colman, Ray Masterson and Robert Sanders, who will receive assignments upon their return.

Don Mickelsen, Frontier District Executive, resigned September 15th, to join the Pasadena, California, Scout Council. He has been succeeded by William Conway, who joins the Chicago Council from the neighboring DuPage Area Council.

Explorer Electronics

Explorer Units with an interest in a specialty in electronics may arrange for a course at the Naval Armory by calling William J. Strange, Sr. at MI 2-5775, or Capt. Wellaufer at the Armory on Thursday nights. The courses are given on Wednesday nights.

Opportunity to Earn Money, Aid Science

Scouts have been given the opportunity to earn money this fall as troops or individuals while aiding Northwestern University scientists in the study of hormones through inspecting the development and growth of insects.

Silkworm cocoons are needed of three species: *Antherea Polyphemus*, *Hyalophora Cecropia* and *Samia Cynthia*. These cocoons may be found locally on maple, oak, cherry, willow and a few other trees. The scientists will pay up to 25 cents per cocoon, depending on its type. They are not interested in the cocoon without its pupae. For information contact the Finance Service at the Council Service Center.

Councilor New Look

The Councilor with a completely new look and published at two week intervals will make its bow on October 16. Four editions of each Councilor will be published, one for each of the four service areas.

The new Councilor will be a four page bulletin in two colors. The front and back pages will continue to carry general news and information of interest throughout the Council. The inner pages will be devoted to District columns. All notices of district meetings and activities will be published in the Councilor only, so it will be important for every Scouter to check his District column carefully.

The new Councilor will be mailed to every registered Scouter and Den Mother in the Council.

Plan "Eternal Light" Dinner For Oct. 24th

The Jewish Committee on Scouting's "Eternal Light" Dinner will be held October 24th at the B'nai Zion Congregation 1447 West Pratt Boulevard. The new Shofar Award for outstanding service to Jewish Scouting in the Chicago Council area will be presented to John A. Troike, former Deputy Scout Executive, and Stanley Leibovitz, Chairman of the Committee. Tickets for the annual affair may be obtained at \$10 per plate from Ticket Chairman Sidney Jacobsen, Ju 8-3616, or Leibovitz, NE 8-4824.

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Operation BSA

Operation BSA, a task force visitation to heads of hundreds of institutions in the Chicago area has begun its important mission under the leadership of the Council Organization and Extension Committee. Members of the Executive Staff and the Council and Districts Organization and Extension Committees are teaming up to tell the story of Scouting to pastors, rabbis, school principals and other institution heads, and offering these institutions the use of the Scouting program.

Giving leadership to the Operation in the four service areas are: Robert D. Stuart, Jr., A; Robert M. Buddington, B; Jerry Frazin, C; Saul Bloch, D.

Breakfast Kick-Offs

The visitations kick-off with 7:45 breakfasts during September and October for those organizers who will make the visitations. Those wishing to attend the breakfasts and assist in the visitations may do so by signing up with their District Organization and Extension Chairmen.

"Operation BSA, aimed at the National theme for Scouting which is "Build, Serve, Achieve," is designed to BUILD new units to SERVE additional boys to ACHIEVE the purposes and aims of the Boy Scout Movement.

Here is an opportunity to be a salesman for Scouting. Help open up the door of your church, PTA or civic group for a new Pack, Troop or Explorer Unit. Join in "Operation BSA."

Clear Streams Project

Chicago Council Scouts who have enjoyed camping in the forest preserves of Cook County for over 30 years, and have received extraordinary cooperation from forest preserve officials, are doing a turn about this fall in the form of some conservation projects in the forest preserves which couldn't be done without volunteer help.

During the summer seven Scouts from Lincoln Park District charted log jams and other obstructions on miles of Cook County streams.

Now, a crew of 100 Scouts and 20 Scouters is needed to join in the stream clearance projects being set up by the Council Conservation Committee. All participants must be at least 14 years old and will receive typhoid innoculations. One of the requirements of the Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge may be satisfied by work on these projects. Detailed information on the clear streams projects may be obtained from Mr. John Clayton, MO 4-2085, or from Mr. Bernard Keller, GR 2-2717.

ARROW CANDIDATES INDUCTED



(U.S. Army Photo)

Sfc. Albert N. Cook, USA, demonstrated the proper method of the fine art of potatoe peeling for six of the 63 recent candidates for the Order of the Arrow. Getting the benefit of the sergeant's experience are (left to right) Scouts Barry Katz, Thomas Smythe, Steven Mueller, Bill Von Hagey, Jim Meeder, and Frank Grude. The occasion was the Owasippe Lodge's fall fellowship at Camp Dearborn, Sept. 8 to 10.

Great Lakes Tours

The Great Lakes Naval Training Center has announced a number of weekend tours of interest to Explorer Units during the winter months. Facilities include overnight berthing, Navy chow, boat rides, athletics, chance to observe the Recruit Graduation reviews, tours of various schools at the center.

Reservations may be made at least two weeks in advance, through the Exploring Service at the Council Service Center.

District Honor Roll

The most effective measure of our success in providing a vital dynamic program of Scouting to which boys are attracted is our membership and number of units. The following Districts have distinguished themselves by showing good records in the categories indicated.

No Dropped Units

Greater Roseland District, 9 months; Pioneer Trails District, 4 months; Cicero District, 3 months.

Net Gain in Units

South Shore District, 10 months; Calumet District, 8 months; Greater Roseland District, 8 months.

Net Gain in Boys

Greater Roseland District, 27 months; Lake Shore District, 5 months; Arrowhead District, 4 months; Southtown District, 3 months.

Gang Show Record

For Gang Show fans who want to hear the great music from the show the year around, a 33&1/3 R.P.M. record album, "Hits From the Gang Show," is available at the Scout Service Center at \$4. The album features the London Gang Show in 14 all time hits, many of which have been used by the Chicago Gang Shows.

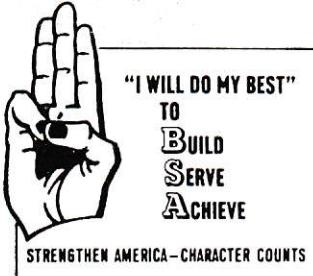
Welcome New Units

We extend a hearty welcome to these new Units which have joined our Scout family since the August bulletin: Pack 3939, Aldersgate Methodist Church, Arrowhead; Post 2380, Group of Citizens, Austin; Troop 347, Nathan Hale School PTA, Burr Oak; Pack 3346, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Burr Oak; Troop 1214, Biggs—Biggs Funeral Home, Fort Dearborn; Pack 3204, Friendship Baptist Church, Fort Dearborn; Pack 3223, Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Fort Dearborn; Troop 121, Galeswood Community Church & Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bethany, Frontier; Troop 222, Holy Name Society of St. Adalbert's Roman Catholic Church, Marquette; Troop 295, Douglas Baptist Church, Midwest; Troop 93, Commonwealth Community Church, South Central; Post 2449, Greater Walters A.M.E. Zion Church, South Central; Pack 3093, Commonwealth Community Church, South Central; Troop 519, Progressive Church of Christ, South Shore; Pack 3519, Progressive Church of Christ, South Shore; Post 2168, Group of Citizens, Thunderbird; Pack 3813, Harmony Post No. 2353 V.F.W., Thunderbird; Squadron 7847, Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thunderbird.

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Lutheran Conference

Over 100 Lutheran Scouters and pastors from throughout the Chicago area took part in the 7th annual Lutheran Conference on Scouting at the Valley View Training Center, September 25th. The conference, whose purpose was to explain how Scouting can be integrated into the program of the Church, was addressed by Dr. Al E. Iverson, National Director of Protestant Relations, BSA, The Rev. Enno Gahl, president of the Lutheran Council of Greater Chicago, Frank Braden, Regional Scout Executive, The Rev. V. Rickman, Public Relations Committee of the Missouri Synod, Scout Executive Alden G. Barber, and Clifford E. Dahlin, executive director of the Lutheran Council. The conference was conducted by Art Gillison, chairman of the Chicago Council Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

Boys' Life Magazine

Boys' Life Magazine contains the best of carefully selected fiction, crafts, hobbies, sports, science, outdoor life, comics, plus many other features.

It is part of the program of the movement — one of the tools we use to build character, citizenship and physical fitness.

Boys' Life is liked by the entire family — by Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Over 50% of the entire boy membership of the Boy Scouts of America are subscribers.

Service Center Hours

The Council Service Center is open from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily from Monday through Friday. The Registration Service, however, remains open until 5:30 P.M. to process charters or enrollments.



GANG SHOW SCENERY READIED



Over a thousand men and women and many companies are working behind the scenes to insure the success of the 1961 Gang Show. Typical are these volunteer Scouters who are building scenery at a vacant store at 4928 N. Milwaukee which was loaned for this purpose by the Peerless Federal Savings and Loan Assn. They are (l. to r.) Lowell Peterson, John Schwenk, Walter Brown and William Albrecht.

New Asst. Chief Scout Executive Appointed

The appointment of Robert L. Billington as Assistant Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America has been announced by Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., Chief Scout Executive, in New Brunswick, N.J.

Mr. Billington, presently the Scout Executive of the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America, will take up his post on October 16. He was formerly Scout Executive at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Regional Executive of Region 4 and Scout Executive at Oklahoma City and San Angelo, Texas.

Alpha Phi Omega

Many former Scouts and Explorers have entered college this fall and are urged to investigate the advantages of membership in Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity. Chapters exist at most colleges. The fraternity is made up of former Scouts and has as its purpose, service to the nation, community and campus. It is a fine way to maintain a relationship with other Scout oriented people while in college. Men attending the University of Illinois in Chicago may contact Howard Elegant, 6157 Sheridan, HO 5-3282, for further information. Information about other schools may be obtained at the Scout Service Center.